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32. (Amended) The block copolymer as claimed in claim 24, wherein said block copolymer is a poly(Styrene-block-Methyl Acrylate) or a poly(methyl acrylate-block-styrene) (co)polymer having a residue of an initiator molecule at an initiation site at one polymer chain end, and a radically transferable group at the other end.

Please add the following new claims:

38--58 The (co)polymer as claimed in Claim 21, wherein said (co)polymer is a polymer selected from the group consisting of polystyrene, poly(butylacrylate), polyisoprene, poly(methacrylate), and poly(methyl methacrylate).

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56. The (co)polymer as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the (co)polymer is a solvent-resistant ABA block copolymer comprising an oleophobic monomer.

57. The (co)polymer as claimed in Claim 56, wherein the oleophobic monomer is selected from the group consisting of a (meth)acrylate and an acrylonitrile monomer.

58. The (co)polymer as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the (co)polymer is a solvent-resistant ABA random copolymer comprising an oleophobic monomer.

59. The (co)polymer as claimed in Claim 58, wherein the oleophobic monomer is selected from the group consisting of a (meth)acrylate and an acrylonitrile monomer.

60. The process as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the counterion on the transition metal is different from the radically transferable atom or group on the initiator.

61. The process as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the transition metal is a transition metal compound which participates in a redox cycle with the initiator or dormant polymer chain end and does not form a direct carbon-metal bond with the polymer chain end, and which is optionally added to the reaction mixture in any oxidation state.--

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Applicants have amended Claims 31 and 32. Support is found at, e.g., the description at pages 14-19 of the specification. In addition, Claims 55-61 have been added. Support for Claim 55 is found at, e.g., the description at pages 14-20 and 22. Claims 56-59 are supported in the specification at, e.g., the description at pages 14-20 and 22 and the paragraph bridging pages 32 and 33. Claim 60 is supported in the specification at, e.g., Examples 20, 22 and 24. Claim 61 is supported in the specification at, e.g., lines 6-15 at page 22.

No new matter is believed to have been introduced into the application by entry of these amendments. Upon entry of these amendments, Claims 1-14 and 21-61 will be active. Entry and favorable consideration are respectfully requested.

REMARKS

The Office has restricted this application under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-14 and 46-54; and

Group II: Claims 21-45.

Applicants wish to elect Group II, Claims 21-45, with traverse. In addition, as a single disclosed species, Applicants wish to elect the species of poly(styrene-b-methacrylate-b-styrene) ABA block copolymer as exemplified, e.g., in Example 15. Claims 21-30, 33, 43-44 and 55-61 read on the elected species.

Restriction is proper only if the inventions of the restricted groups are either independent or patentably distinct and there is a burden in searching the entire application. MPEP §803. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that